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REMARKS

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1. On 24 April 1952, Wiener Neustadt (O 43/A 34) airfield was occupied by 44 jet aircraft, 1 single-engine plane with an in-line engine, and 2 biplanes.

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Jet aircraft practiced take-offs and landings individually and in groups of two. Not more than four jet planes were observed in the air at the same time. The Wasser Kaserne in Woellersdorf (O 43/X 25) was guarded by air force personnel. No activity was observed in the installation. The former officer candidate school in Bad Fischau (O 43/A 34) was occupied by air force troops. driving school trucks were observed in a column which left the installation:

The column was commanded by a lieutenant who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five men wearing the same service color were also observed in the column. Aircraft observed in front of the Theresienfeld aircraft repair shop included 7 Pe-2s, some of which were without engines or other parts, 1 two-seater Pe-2 and 1 biplane. (1)

2. Between 14 and 19 April, flying was practiced daily at Wiener Neustadt airfield. During the afternoon and evening of 21 April, aircraft took off at intervals of 7 to 10 minutes and remained in the air for about 5 minutes. Flying was discontinued at about 10 p.m. According to local residents, there was intensive flying practice throughout 22 April. Between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m., two groups of four jet planes each practiced flying. The eight planes flew either in two separate groups or in one formation with two lines of four planes each. When flying in two formations, the planes flew either side-by-side or one behind the other. Three twin-engine aircraft with in-line engines and double rudder assemblies were parked in front of the Theresienfeld aircraft repair shop. Two of the planes had two plexiglass cockpits. On 24 April, 42 jet aircraft were again observed flying. There was air activity throughout the day. Twenty motor vehicles, including trucks

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were observed in the yard of the former officer candidate school in Bad Fischau, which was occupied by Soviet air.

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Force troops.

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3. On 25 April, the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers were engaged in cleaning four 41 guns with funnel-shaped muzzles. Six new motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in the yard of the cantonment. All the radio installations were removed. (2) The following motor vehicles were parked in the area of the former Nachrichten Kaserne: 14 trucks [redacted] 25X1  
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[redacted] 4 van-like trucks, and 3 tank trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] Between Wiener Neustadt and Bad Fischau, there was traffic by trucks [redacted] weapon carrier [redacted] jeep 25X1  
[redacted] driving school truck [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] all of which were driven by air force soldiers, and truck [redacted] whose driver wore red-bordered black epaulets. Air force trucks [redacted] were observed 25X1 moving to and from the flight control station. (3)

4. On 18 April, source observed that officers with blue service color entered and left the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was posted in front of the object on the southeastern perimeter of Goetzendorf which was previously reported to be occupied by air force officers. Source believed that this object was being newly occupied and that the air force officers were now billeted in the Fasangarten Kaserne. Officers observed in the object included 1 colonel, 4 lieutenant colonels and 15 majors who wore red-bordered black epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels, 6 majors and 17 captains who wore blue service color, and 1 major who wore black service color. (4)

5. On 23 April, Goetzendorf airfield was still occupied by the same aircraft previously observed. [redacted] observed Pe-2s, single-engine 25X1 planes with in-line engines, and twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplanes with nose wheels. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the aircraft were marked by three red, blue and white horizontal stripes. (5) It appeared that air force troops were also billeted in the Fasangarten Kaserne because many air force officers and EM were observed entering and leaving the installation. Trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] each occupied by about 20 air force soldiers, left the installation toward Goetzendorf. (4)

6. On 12 April, Trauersdorf (P 48/X 55) airfield was not occupied. There was only one antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing. A van-like truck and three men were observed near the mast.
7. On 12 April, Parndorf (P 48/X 77) airfield was unoccupied. The brick buildings and low wooden buildings were empty.
8. On 16 April, 36 Pe-2s and 1 biplane were observed at Zwölfaring (P 49/X 48) airfield.
9. On 23 April, Aspern (P 49/X 49) airfield was occupied by 63 Pe-2s and 3 biplanes. Between 8:40 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was intensive flying by Pe-2s. The sky was 3/10 overcast. The aircraft took off and landed individually. They practiced flying individually and with three planes in wedge formation. All the hangars were destroyed.

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Last of the flight control station there were some low wooden buildings which were not suitable for aircraft. Motor vehicles observed near the garages south of the flight control station included tank trucks [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] 6 van-like trucks, 5 trucks, 1 truck with a starting device for aircraft engines, and a fire truck. The fuel dump east of the installation was empty. Four tank trucks were parked near the fuel dump west of the field. The former Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf was occupied by air force troops. Air force trucks 25X1 [redacted] were observed in this Kaserne. The radio installation on the eastern edge of Gross Enzersdorf was still there. The former home for aged people was guarded by air force soldiers. Jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted], both air force 25X1 vehicles, were observed in Gross Enzersdorf. (6)

10. On 24 April, 36 single-engine jet planes, 9 single-engine conventional aircraft, and 2 biplanes were observed at Strasshof (P 49/S 50) airfield. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was no flying. There was a 3/10 overcast and sunny weather. Fourteen tents and 4 van-like trucks were observed in the southwestern corner of the field. Air force motor vehicles observed included truck 25X1 [redacted] and jeep [redacted]. All the sheds of the motor pool on the edge of the field were empty. No stored equipment was observed in the area of the motor pool. A van-like truck and 2 trucks with mounted searchlights were parked outside the fenced-in area. 25X1 Air force truck [redacted] left the motor pool. The cantonment in Strasshof was occupied by about 30 air force soldiers. Air force 25X1 trucks [redacted] were observed in Strasshof. The following motor vehicles were observed in the motor pool in Deutsch Wagram: 6 tank trucks [redacted] 2 van-like trucks, 25X1 [redacted] and 1 ambulance. Air force truck [redacted] was parked in front of the bakery. (7)

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.

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25X1 [redacted] Formation flying with several jet aircraft has not been reported for quite some time. Motor vehicles [redacted] have been observed only individually in Liesing, Schwechat, and Kagram.

- (2) The cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt was being vacated at the same time the conventional fighters of an air force unit were transferred. An AA unit had occupied this cantonment prior to May 1951.
- (3) The information that air force and army troops were observed in the motor vehicle column indicates that an AA unit possibly cooperates with air force units. The manner in which AA and air force units cooperate is not known.
- (4) To date, it has been believed that the Fasangarten Kaserne southeast of Goetzendorf was occupied only by army troops. According to this report, however, it is probable that air force troops are also billeted there. The evacuation of the former air force officers billets may be connected with the occupation of Margarethen am Moos estate, north of Goetzendorf, by an AA unit.

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- (6) Since the last report, Aspern airfield has been occupied by an additional 20 Pe-2s while the previously reported 20 single-engine planes were transferred. Because of the evacuation of all Pe-2s from Strasshof airfield and the previous transfer of an ATB from Strasshof to Aspern, [REDACTED] it is believed that the 20 Pe-2s came from Strasshof. It is assumed that two bomber regiments are stationed in Aspern. Since two of the six bomber regiments in Austria were probably transferred to Hungary at the end of 1951 only the following four bomber regiments are now stationed in Austria: 2 regiments in Aspern, 1 regiment in Gietzendorf, and 1 regiment in Zwettl. No information is available as to present location of about 20 single-engine planes which were previously stationed in Aspern. It is possible that, with the beginning of the fair weather, the planes were transferred back to Parndorf, where they were stationed prior to October 1951.
- (7) The number of single-engine jet aircraft at Aspern airfield was increased by about 10 planes. It cannot be determined whether these aircraft are assigned to the fighter regiment previously stationed there or whether they belong to an additional unit at the field.

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